

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 9/20/20

SCRIPTURE: John 6

LESSON: Jesus' Hard Teachings



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned about three parables - stories with a spiritual point - that Jesus taught about God's kingdom. This week we're going to learn about a hard teaching that Jesus gave His followers.

**Fill It Up** - Get some paper (preferable some that you would be throwing out anyway!) and two large bowls or buckets and split into two teams. Have the teams race to fill up their bowl/bucket with balled up paper.

**Say** - In the story today, the people following Jesus are trying to "fill up" with the things they want from Him. But Jesus teaches them that what they really need to be filled with is the Bread of Life.



## LESSON - JESUS' HARD TEACHINGS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Hard Teachings](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**The people wanted Jesus to do miracles.** (Kids repeat!)

A crowd of people went looking for Jesus. Why might they have been looking for Him? What kinds of things had he been doing? Miracles, right?! He'd been healing people and calming storms and walking on water... all sorts of amazing things! And the people wanted Him to do more. But Jesus wanted to help them understand that what they really needed wasn't more miracles. What they really needed was to believe in the One who was doing the miracles! They needed to believe Jesus is the one God sent to be their Savior. And do you know what they asked Jesus? They asked Him to do another miracle so they could believe!!! ... They still didn't quite get it.

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**The people wanted Jesus to give them bread.** (Kids repeat!)

When the people asked Jesus to do another miracle, they were thinking about the miracle God did for the Israelites when they were wandering around hungry in the desert after they escaped from Egypt. Does anyone remember what that miracle was? God made heavenly bread called manna rain down from the sky to feed the Israelites! The people were thinking that would be a great miracle for Jesus to do - then they would have some delicious bread to eat and they wouldn't be hungry. But Jesus again pointed out to the people that what they really needed wasn't more bread to fill their tummies... What they really needed was for Him to fill their hearts. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life," and that whoever filled up on the bread of life would live forever with Him in Heaven. But a lot of the people didn't really like that answer...

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**The people wanted Jesus to give them a good life.** (Kids repeat!)

A lot of the people following Jesus were only following Him because they wanted Him to make their lives better on earth. They wanted to be healed and they didn't want to be hungry and they didn't want to have to deal with a lot of the hard stuff they were

dealing with. They thought what they needed was an easier, better life, but Jesus knew they really needed a Savior to take away their sins. When the people realized that Jesus didn't come to give them easier, better lives... a lot of them left. They didn't want to follow Him if He wasn't going to give them what they wanted. **But Jesus knows what we want isn't always what we need.** He knows what's best for us because He made us. And do you know what the best thing Jesus can give us is?

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**The best thing Jesus can give us is Himself.** (kids repeat)

Jesus came to save us from sin. Sin separates us from God, but when Jesus died on the cross He paid for our sins so that we wouldn't have to be separated from God anymore. He's with us now, and He fills our hearts with peace and joy, even when things are hard. When we spend time with Him, He reminds us how much He loves us. He teaches us how to live the way He created us to live, and how to trust Him even when we're going through a hard time. And one day all the hard things will be gone, when we get to live with Jesus forever in Heaven. Jesus is the bread of life!

## RESPONSE



**Sing:** [Colossians 1:13-14](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[A Future and a Hope](#)

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank you that You're always with us even when things are hard. Thank you for filling our hearts with joy and peace. Help us remember that You are the bread of life that we really need. Amen!

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What two things did the people want from Jesus? *Miracles and bread*
- Why did some of the followers leave? *Because the teaching was hard to understand/Because Jesus wasn't just going to give them what they wanted.*
- What did Jesus call Himself? *The Bread of Life*
- Why do we need Jesus more than we need anything else?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Parent Share** - Talk about a time when it was hard for you to understand something; it could be something from your spiritual walk or more general (i.e. school, work). How did you feel? What did you do? What did trusting God look like during that time?

**Bread in a Bag** - Bake bread together! Click the link for a fun, kid-friendly, and low-mess recipe for "[bread in a bag](#)."